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U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis got a close-up look at a Minneapolis bridge in need of repair Thursday. She held a news conference beneath the 10th Avenue bridge, a span right next to the new 35W bridge.

Solis and Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum promoted President Obama's "American Jobs Act." They say the plan could send \$608 million to Minnesota and create 7,900 jobs.

Republicans call the \$447 billion dollar plan too expensive and are opposed to the president's proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy and businesses to pay for it.